Norms for foreign universities

668. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact AlCTE has tightened its norms with regard to entry of foreign universities into the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that AlCTE made it mandatory that foreign universities should comply with its rules and regulations;

(c) if so, the details thereof:

(d) whether it is also a fact that AlCTE should prescribe fee and intake for courses in foreign universities; and

(e) If so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) The All India Council for Technical Education (AlCTE) has issued the revised Regulations for Entry and Operation of Foreign Universities/Institutions imparting Technical Education in India vide notification dated May 16,2005.

(b) and (c) As per the revised Regulations, Foreign Universities/ Institutions shall be bound by the advice of AlCTE with regard to admissions, entry qualifications and the conduct of courses/programmes in technical education, as may be communicated to them from time to time.

(d) The revised Regulations provide that the fee to be charged and the intake in each course to be offered by a Foreign University/Institution leading to a degree or diploma shall be as prescribed by the AlCTE giving due hearing to the concerned Foreign University/Institution.

(e) The above provision for prescribing fee and intake for courses in foreign universities has been made with the objective of systematising the operation of Foreign Universities/Institutions in India, to safeguard the interest of students' community and ensure uniform maintenance of Norms and Standards, and to enforce accountability for all such educational activities by Foreign Universities/Institutions in India.